

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/987,517

Attorney Docket No. Q67254

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings correct typographical and other errors in FIGs. 1 and 5.

Attachments: Two (2) Annotated Sheet (FIGs. 1 and 5)
Two (2) Replacement Sheet (FIGs. 1 and 5)

REMARKS

Formalities

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, and 14-20 are pending in the present application.

Applicant amends FIGs. 1 and 5 to correct typographical and other errors.

Claim Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 8-10, and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,400,722 B1 to Chuah et al. (“Chuah”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,636 to Voit et al. (“Voit”); rejected claims 5 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah in view of Voit, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,769,000 to Akhtar et al. (“Akhtar”); and rejected claims 7 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah in view of Voit, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,554,184 to Amos (“Amos”).

Assuming, arguendo, that Chuah and Voit can be properly combined, Applicant submits that such a combination does not teach or suggest all the recitations of independent claim 1, 8, 19, or 20, at least because neither Chuah nor Voit discloses “detecting available communication networks” and “automatically identifying a lower-charge available communication network” (claims 1 and 8) or “detect[ing] available communication networks” and “determin[ing] whether said position registration request should be allowed or not based on charge information regarding the available communication networks” (claims 19 and 20).

For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 8, 19, and 20 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chuah and Voit. Also, because the other art of record does not overcome the deficiencies discussed above with respect to Chuah and Voit, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 8, 19, and 20 are patentable over the cited references, including Akhtar, Amos, Chuah, Voit, and the other art of record. Additionally, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 14-18 are patentable over the cited references, including Akhtar, Amos, Chuah, Voit, and the other art of record, at least due to their direct or indirect dependency from claim 1 or 8. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, and 14-20 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Request for Reconsideration and Allowance

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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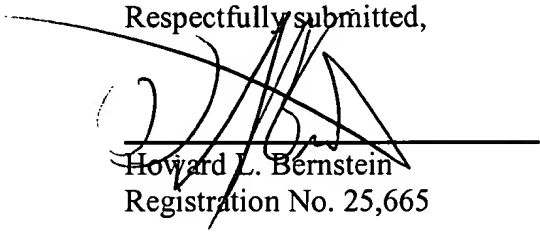
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FIG. 1

